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To the U.S. Department of Energy:

Our home is only two miles from Interstate-55, one of the highways I understand is being considered for some of the shipments of highly radioactive waste from nuclear power plants heading for Nevada. I assume many Americans live near some interstate highway or railway, and the farms that grow our foods are crisscrossed by interstate corridors, too.

Please keep nuclear plant wastes where they are generated, at the power plants, until some genius figures out how to make the wastes safe and the shipping containers <u>absolutely</u> accident-proof and terrorist-proof.

Very truly yours,

Rita Smágala

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